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1. IBRD DEALS WITH THE QUESTION OF OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION ON AN AD HOC BASIS BUT SEEMS TO BELIEVE IN GENERAL THAT MISSIONS FROM WASHINGTON ARE A MORE EFFICIENT METHOD OF OPERATION THAN LARGE OVERSEAS STAFFS. THE IBRD NOW HAS REPRESENTATIVES IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WHICH ARE VERY UNDERDEVELOPED, E.G., NEPAL, OR WHERE ITS PROGRAM IS VERY LARGE, E.G., INDIA OR AS A REGIONAL CENTER, E.G., BANGKOK WORLD BANK REGIONAL MISSION.

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2. IF THE GUB BELIEVES ITS ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY FOR

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ASSISTANCE IS GREATER THAN ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANNING CAPACITY IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE GUB TO APPROACH BANK MANAGEMENT ABOUT A RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE. IBRD MIGHT VIEW FAVORABLY GUB REQUEST FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

3. THE BEST POSSIBILITY FOR COORDINATED ACTION OF IFIS WOULD BE TO INCREASE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNDP REPRESENTATIVE AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL, PARA 5. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT ASSIST WITH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS THE USUAL BOTTLENECK IN IBRD PROJECTS. IT IS QUESTIONABLE

WHETHER THEY WOULD HANDLE NON-SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS FOR OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED REPORTS OF OTHER RECIPIENT COUNTRIES REQUESTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES BUT BANK STAFF STATES THAT THEY RECEIVE SUCH REQUESTS FROM TIME TO TIME. KISSINGER

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